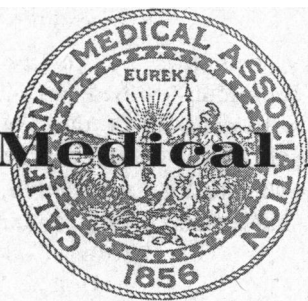


California Medical Association



NOTICES AND REPORTS

Council Meeting Minutes

Tentative Draft: Minutes of the 516th Meeting of the Council, Hilton Inn, San Francisco, 11 December 1965.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson in the Hilton Inn, San Francisco, Saturday, 11 December 1965, at 9:45 a.m.

Roll Call

Present were President Teall, President-Elect MacLaggan, Speaker Quinn, Vice-Speaker Telford, Secretary Hosmer and Councilors Isenhour, Wilson, Melone, Todd, Gooel, Bullock, O'Connor, Rogers, Maguire, Burnett, Richard S. Wilbur, Miller, Watts, Fenlon, Kay, Kaiser, Anderson, Yant, Grunigen and Shaw. Absent for cause were Editor Dwight L. Wilbur, and Councilors Taw, Ham and Doyle.

A quorum present and acting.

Present by invitation were Messrs. Clancy, Collins, Klutch, Eberlein, Thomas, Goldman, Whelan, Blackley, Bowman, Clark, Doctor Miller, Miss Price, Mrs. Redfern and Mrs. Griffith of CMA staff; Messrs. Hassard and Huber, legal counsel; component society executives Scheuber of Alameda-Contra Costa, Rideout of Butte-Glenn, Geisert of Kern, Lingerfelt of Fresno, Baker of Los Angeles, Collins of Marin, Bannister of Orange,

Dochterman of Sacramento, Nute of San Diego, Neick of San Francisco, Marvin of Santa Barbara, Wood of San Mateo, Donovan of Santa Clara, Thompson of San Joaquin, Brown of Sonoma, Walters of Riverside, Donmyer of San Bernardino, Colvin of Monterey, Funk of Solano; Doctor Lester Breslow, director of the State Department of Public Health; Mr. Warren Thompson, director, and Doctor Richard Young, medical director, of the State Department of Rehabilitation; Doctor Robert Radl of the State Department of Employment; Mrs. Jeanette Gentile, president of the California Medical Assistants Association; Doctor William Thompson and Messrs. Nyren, Wahlberg, Pottloff, Heller and Babb of California Physicians' Service; Messrs. Read, Putnam and Brown of the Public Health League; Mr. Jerry Gould, AMA field representative; Mr. Joseph Zem, treasurer of the California Hospital Association; Doctors Warren Bostick, T. Eric Reynolds, William Larsen, Donald Harrington, Donald Hause, Burt Davis, Nicholas Oddo, Bert Halter, George Herzog and others.

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1. Recognition of John Hunton

The members of the Council and guests stood for a moment of silence in memory of John Hunton. Mr. Hunton, who had only recently completed 25 years of service to the California Medical Association, died suddenly of a heart attack on 2 December 1965. Those present expressed their sorrow at the loss of Mr. Hunton.

ACTION: Voted to authorize a suitable gift to be presented to Mrs. Pia M. Hunton.

2. Minutes for Approval

On motion duly made and seconded, minutes of the 515th meeting of the Council, held 30 and 31 October 1965, were approved with the following corrections: Councilor Miller should be listed as present; strike out "by Assemblyman Casey" on second line, paragraph 3, page 3.

3. Membership

(a) A report of membership as of 8 December 1965 was presented and ordered filed.

(b) On motion duly made and seconded, three applicants were voted election to Associate Membership. These were: Vera B. Fryling, Alameda-Contra Costa County; William S. Lawler, Riverside County; Jerrold K. Longerbeam, Riverside County.

(c) On motion duly made and seconded, three members were voted election to Retired Membership. These were: Luther Russell Hansen, Alameda-Contra Costa County; Francis M. Smith, San Diego County; Edward B. Radford, Alameda-Contra Costa County.

(d) On motion duly made and seconded, a reduction of dues was voted for six members for reasons of prolonged illness or postgraduate education.

4. Authorization for Signature Changes on Bank Accounts

Mr. Hassard informed the Council of the difficulty in processing checks due to the death of Mr. John Hunton. Permission was asked to add two staff names with titles to the signature cards of banks in which CMA monies are deposited.

ACTION: Voted to authorize the addition of the names of Robert L. Thomas and William M. Whelan to the CMA "bank signature cards" and that both of these executive staff members be given the title of "Assistant Secretary"—all other authorized signers to remain as such.

5. Report of the President

President Teall reported on several meetings he had attended or addressed since the last meeting of the Council. These included visits to county and district societies, the White House Conference on Health, conference with welfare and health fund administrators in southern California, California College of Medicine, and others.

Doctor Teall also informed the Council that he had been recommended by the AMA, and subsequently appointed, to an ad hoc advisory committee to the United States Commissioner of Welfare (Dr. Ellen Winston). Purpose of the committee is to advise the Commissioner on the regulations to be drawn for Title XIX of Public Law 89-97. (California has already passed enabling legislation to implement Title XIX through Assembly Bill 5.)

6. Committee for Emergency Action

President Teall reported that the Committee for Emergency Action had three meetings (two of them by phone conference) since the last Council session. Rapidly changing developments with regard to Public Law 89-97 and other legislative problems necessitated immediate action.

The CMA was asked to submit names of two physicians to serve on the new Health Review and Program Council established under the provisions of Assembly Bill 5. President Teall reported that the Committee for Emergency Action recommended the names of Doctor Albert G. Miller of San Mateo and Robert Watson of Los Angeles.

The committee also approved a tentative statement on utilization review plans for the guidance of California Physicians. Doctor Teall emphasized that this was a brief interim statement and that guidelines for utilization review plans were being developed by the CMA Task Force on Public Law 89-97.

Third meeting of the Committee for Emergency Action was held in Philadelphia with physicians from the Los Angeles area. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss a series of resolutions which had been submitted to the AMA House of Delegates. President Teall reported that several of the resolutions were modified and that the California delegation subsequently supported them.

ACTION: Voted to affirm the actions taken by the Committee for Emergency Action.

7. Utilization and Review Plans

Tentative draft of proposed CMA guidelines for

utilization review plans for hospital staff and extended care facilities was presented to the Council. Members discussed thoroughly the development of the utilization function through the CMA Guiding Principles for Physician-Hospital Relationships and other activities. Doctors Teall and Anderson and others presented the statutory requirements for utilization review plans under Public Law 89-97 and Assembly Bill 5. After suggesting numerous changes in the tentative draft and recognizing need for further editing, the Council passed the following motion.

ACTION: *To give authority to the Council Task Force on Public Law 89-97 and its Executive Committee to proceed with the development of guidelines and background educational material for physicians' use in developing utilization review plans to include a prototype utilization review plan; to consult with appropriate groups in the development of materials; and to distribute the document and its accompanying materials.*

8. Federal Legislation on Laboratory Animals

President Teall reported on a recommendation of the Scientific Board that the CMA express opposition to proposed federal legislation which would seriously hamper progress in medical research by restricting the use of laboratory animals. Draft of a proposed letter on the subject addressed to Representative Oren Harris, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, was read by Councilor Bullock. The suggestion was made that the letter, copies of which are to be sent to members of the committee and others, should be checked with the AMA Washington office.

ACTION: *Voted approval of the letter and its widespread distribution after appropriate editing.*

9. Department of Public Health

Doctor Lester Breslow, newly-appointed Director of the State Department of Public Health, expressed appreciation for the medical leadership provided by CMA in recent months and for the intention of CMA to provide some meaningful guidelines for utilization review plans. The department's role in the implementation of Assembly Bill 5 was reviewed by Doctor Breslow. He noted that some persons in state government were revising their previous attitudes toward physicians' charges and other health care costs, by recognizing that adequate reimbursement was an important criterion with respect to the provision of medical care.

Mr. Warren Thompson, director, presented a

progress report on the development of this two-year-old state department. He emphasized that although many of the rehabilitation functions were already being provided in other departments of government, the establishment of a centralized Department of Rehabilitation has allowed better coordination and improved services.

11. State Board of Medical Examiners

Doctor Nicholas Oddo, board president, informed the Council that Senate Bill 1203, scheduled for interim hearing, may be postponed or not heard. The questionnaire sent to all hospitals in California—as a step in implementing Senate Bill 405—has generated a good response thus far. As of 9 December, 400 replies had been received. Doctor Oddo emphasized again that the Board will exercise caution in implementing Senate Bills 400 and 403. Nominees for the district review committees, established under 1965 laws, have been considered and appointments will be made soon.

12. California Hospital Association

Mr. Joseph Zem, CHA treasurer, reported that the California Hospital Association is scheduling a series of medicare and Casey Bill "orientation seminars" for its membership throughout the state. Three meetings will be held: 16 February in Los Angeles, 17 February in Fresno, 18 February in San Francisco. Various aspects of Public Law 89-97 and Assembly Bill 5 will be presented during this special series.

13. California Physicians' Service

Doctor William Thompson, board chairman, noted that CPS is now working on "medigap" programs to offer as a supplement to over-65 coverage under Public Law 89-97. He also reported that efforts are still being made to upgrade fee schedules in keeping with direction of the House of Delegates, and that by the end of this year at least 75 per cent of all commercial contracts will be on the "D" schedule or better.

Doctor Thompson reaffirmed that if CPS is selected as a "fiscal intermediary" under either Title XVIII or Title XIX of P.L. 89-97, it is willing to administer the programs on a "usual and customary" fee basis, utilizing county medical society review and mediation bodies in arriving at proper determinations in this regard. Discussion was held on the role of county society mediation committees

with respect to charges for, and utilization of, professional services, particularly under Part B, Title XVIII, P.L. 89-97.

ACTION: *Voted to authorize Doctor Thompson and Council representatives on the CPS Board of Trustees, in cooperation with selected chairmen of county society mediation committees, to prepare guide-lines on the role of mediation and other committees of the county society under Public Law 89-97, such guidelines to be presented to the Council for action.*

14. Medical Executives Conference

Mrs. Olive Neick introduced Mr. Ed Collins, new executive secretary of the Marin Medical Society. She announced that the Communications Committee of the Conference had voted to offer its services to Mr. Hassard and to the CMA communications staff in preparing an information program for the profession and the public on Titles XVIII and XIX of P.L. 89-97.

15. California Delegation to the AMA

Doctor Burt Davis, newly elected chairman of the California AMA delegation, reported on the recent clinical session in Philadelphia. He paid tribute to John Hunton's staff activities in support of the delegation for many years.

The importance of having regular meetings of the CMA Council and the AMA delegation prior to national AMA conventions was stressed by Doctor Davis.

16. Ad Hoc Committee to Study Quality of Radiologic Films

The assignment given to this committee by the Council has been completed, according to the chairman, Doctor Burt Davis. Excellent cooperation was secured from the California Society of Internal Medicine, the California Academy of General Practice, the Western Orthopedic Association and the California Radiological Society in designating members of the four review teams. Criteria for evaluation of films were established and all films for which charges had been made to CPS for a three-month period were requested. Ninety-eight per cent of the films were received.

Doctor Davis noted the following conclusions of the committee: (1) There is no indication that physicians are making charges for films not made or for services not performed, (2) The findings suggest that there is not a sufficient difference in the adequacy between the films submitted by physicians in the various specialties to warrant any difference in fee payments. CPS Trustees should

be requested (a) to continue the practice of paying uniform fees for radiologic services, and (b) that the medical director of CPS be authorized to make occasional spot checks of films for which claims were submitted, (3) As in all such studies, certain problem areas were uncovered which should be handled through consultation with the Scientific Board and the specialty groups involved, in order to encourage educational programs.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the report of the committee.*

17. Report of the President-Elect

Doctor James MacLaggan reported on his recent public speeches and visits to component societies in northern California.

18. Status Reports on 1965 Resolutions

Chairman Anderson reminded members of the Council that a status report on 1965 resolutions must be submitted to members of the House of Delegates in the near future.

ACTION: *Voted to authorize staff to bring up to date actions on 1965 resolutions and distribute this report to delegates and alternates.*

19. Finance Committee

Doctor Harold Kay presented a written report on progress in formulating a budget for 1966-67 fiscal year. The committee is continuing its thorough review of the proposed budget and will submit to the Council (at its January meeting) a budget for final action and submission to the House of Delegates.

Various elements within the budget were discussed at length, such as the CMA contribution to AMA-ERF.

ACTION: *Voted to defer until the January meeting of the Council any definitive action regarding contributions to AMA-ERF.*

The committee reported that for some years, the Constitution of the Association has specified that \$1.00 of the dues of each active member be set aside for the Physicians Benevolence Fund. Inasmuch as the assets of the Fund appear to be sufficient to make it self-sustaining, the committee recommended deletion of the item.

ACTION: *Voted to recommend to the House of Delegates that the \$1.00 per active member for the Physicians Benevolence Fund be eliminated.*

CMA financial participation in the Tumor Tissue Registry (housed in Los Angeles County Hospital) was described. Action was taken several

years ago to phase out the CMA participation in stages of \$2,000 per year.

ACTION: *Voted to continue the phasing out process on financial participation of the CMA toward the Tumor Tissue Registry.*

Doctor Kay also noted a letter addressed to him by Doctor Bert Halter, chairman of the Medical Staff Survey Committee, asking consideration for some financial compensation to members of his committee who survey medical staffs. Doctor Kay expressed his view that the request required a policy definition by the Council before the Finance Committee could consider the financial aspects.

ACTION: *Voted to defer action on the request pending consultation with the officers of the California Hospital Association.*

20. Liaison Committee to CPS

The committee met on 9 November to consider the request of the Council that it review and make recommendations on the prevailing fee concept being developed by Blue Shield. The liaison committee recommended that a pilot study be undertaken in several areas of the state which desire to participate in such a study. The pilot study will be conducted jointly by the CMA Bureau of Research & Planning and the CMA Committee on Fees. Technical assistance will be provided by CPS.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the report of the committee and to authorize the pilot study as outlined.*

21. Request from the Humboldt-Del Norte County Medical Society

In a letter to CMA from Doctor Robert L. Devine, the Humboldt-Del Norte County Medical Society requests financial support to assist the North Coast Health Facilities Planning Association.

ACTION: *By consensus the letter was referred to the Commission on Hospital Affairs.*

22. Committee on Committees

Doctor MacLaggan discussed CMA participation in a data processing study in cooperation with the Hospital Planning Association of Southern California, the California Hospital Association, and others. A three-man CMA committee was recommended to work with the other agencies. Names submitted were Doctors James C. MacLaggan, chairman, Glenn Pope and Joseph Telford.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the recommendation of the Committee on Committees.*

23. Commission on Public Agencies

A statement on "Medical Supervision of Organic Phosphate Pesticide Workers"—prepared by the Committee on Occupational Health and Rehabilitation—was presented to the Council for approval.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the statement subject to approval of the Committee on Scientific Information.*

Staff was directed to write to the Santa Cruz Medical Society and the Alameda-Contra Costa Medical Association expressing the appreciation of the Council for the initial work of these two societies in formulating the above statement.

24. Commission on Community Health Services

Doctor Kay presented a request of the Committee on School Health that the President of the CMA suggest to the Governor of California that a member of the CMA Committee on School Health be named to the advisory committee established under the provisions of A.B. 1331.

ACTION: *Request approved.*

25. Commission on Communications

Doctor Todd reported on several items of business discussed by the Commission on 10 December. He noted the communications activities of CMA, particularly regarding Assembly Bill 5 and Public Law 89-97.

The Commission recommended that a special communications effort be made to keep California delegates and alternates to AMA informed of current CMA activity.

ACTION: *Voted to approve recommendation of the Commission.*

The questions surrounding CMA participation in the California Interagency Council on Cigarette Smoking and Health have now been resolved, so the Commission plans to proceed with its \$3,000 financial commitment. However, the Commission recommended to the CMA Council that future involvement of the California Medical Association in the Interagency Council on Cigarette Smoking and Health be transferred from the Commission on Communications to the Commission on Community Health Services.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the transfer to the Commission on Community Health Services.*

26. Scientific Board

Doctor Edward Shaw reported on the full-day session of the Board held on 4 December.

A statement on coronary care units was submitted for approval of the Council. Suggestions were made that if this statement were approved that a complementary statement already prepared by the Committee on Other Professions—be published with it.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the statement.*

The Scientific Board recommended that a new monthly bulletin entitled "What Goes On," be published and mailed to all doctors in California. This would be supported by two pages of advertising from Lederle Laboratories at no cost to CMA. This new bulletin would list available courses and other continuing education opportunities with geographical and subject area breakdown.

ACTION: *Voted to grant approval to the project.*

With regard to financial support of continuing medical education in California, the Scientific Board recommended that in the future, when present commitments are over, contributions to CMA from Audio-Digest be distributed equally to the departments of continuing medical education in all California medical schools.

ACTION: *Voted to approve the intent of the recommendation and to refer it to the California Medical Education & Research Foundation for its information.*

The Board also recommended that the \$10 per member sum which in the past has been given to AMA-ERF for general medical school support be given in the future to departments of continuing medical education of all California Medical Schools. (House of Delegates action would be required.)

ACTION: *Voted to defer action on this recommendation until the January meeting of the Council.*

27. Resolutions from Los Angeles County Medical Association

Correspondence from Doctor Harold Wilkins,

LACMA secretary-treasurer, was presented to the Council. CMA action was requested on two resolutions passed recently by the LACMA Council.

The first resolution asked that the CMA accept as policy the report of the Reference Committee on Legislation and Public Relations, AMA House of Delegates, 3 October 1965.

ACTION: *Voted that the request be tabled.*

The second resolution requested that the CMA not take a policy position on the CAL-MED program until sufficient information and time is given to component societies for detailed study.

ACTION: *Voted to inform LACMA, in essence, no CMA policy position has yet been approved on the CAL-MED concept and that it is hoped component societies will study the proposed program in detail.*

28. CMA Representatives on the California Committee on Fitness

President Teall presented a request from the State Department of Education asking for three representatives to attend the annual meeting of the California Committee on Fitness in San Mateo, 13 and 14 May. Chairman Anderson directed that the request be referred to the Committee on Committees.

29. Report of Legal Counsel

Mr. Hassard reported on the current status of three lawsuits involving the California Medical Association.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before it, the meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m. in memory of Mr. John Hunton.

CARL E. ANDERSON, M.D., *Chairman*

MATHEW N. HOSMER, M.D., *Secretary*

